

1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 878

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 878 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing
5 Sections 2-3.25a, 2-3.25c, 2-3.25d, and 2-3.25f as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.25a) (from Ch. 122, par. 2-3.25a)

7 Sec. 2-3.25a. "School district" defined; additional
8 standards.

9 (a) For the purposes of this Section and Sections 3.25b,
10 3.25c, 3.25d, 3.25e, and 3.25f of this Code, "school
11 district" includes other public entities responsible for
12 administering public schools, such as cooperatives, joint
13 agreements, charter schools, regional offices of education,
14 local agencies, and the Department of Human Services.

15 (b) In addition to the standards established pursuant to
16 Section 2-3.25, the State Board of Education shall develop
17 recognition standards for student performance and school
18 improvement in all public schools operated by school
19 districts. The indicators to assess student performance and
20 school improvement shall include but need not be limited to
21 the State assessment of student performance, local assessment
22 results, student attendance rates, retention rates, expulsion

1 rates, and graduation rates. The standards shall be designed
 2 to permit the measurement of a-school-district-to-measure
 3 student performance and school improvement by school
 4 buildings compared to student performance and school
 5 improvement for the preceding academic years.

6 The provisions of this subsection (b) ~~Section~~ are subject
 7 to the provisions of Section 2-3.25k.
 8 (Source: P.A. 89-398, eff. 8-20-95.)

9 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.25c) (from Ch. 122, par. 2-3.25c)

10 Sec. 2-3.25c. Rewards. The State Board of Education
 11 shall implement a system of rewards to recognize and reward
 12 schools and school districts whose students perform at high
 13 levels or which demonstrate outstanding improvement.

14 (Source: P.A. 87-559.)

15 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.25d) (from Ch. 122, par. 2-3.25d)

16 Sec. 2-3.25d. Academic early warning and watch lists
 17 list. Those schools and school districts that for 2
 18 consecutive years do not meet adequate yearly progress
 19 towards having all of their students meet the standards of
 20 academic performance measured by a State assessment of
 21 student performance, as specified by the State Board of
 22 Education, shall be placed on the academic early warning list
 23 established by the State Board of Education. Those schools
 24 and districts that are not meeting the standards of academic
 25 performance measured by the State assessment of student
 26 performance as specified by the State Board of Education may
 27 be placed on an academic watch list established by the State
 28 Superintendent of Education after serving for 2 consecutive
 29 years on the State-Board-of-Education-Early academic early
 30 warning list. These schools and districts and shall be
 31 subject to an on-site visitation to determine whether
 32 extenuating circumstances exist as to why a school or

1 district schools should not be placed on an academic watch
2 list by the State Superintendent of Education.

3 A school district that has one or more schools on the
4 academic early warning or watch list shall submit a revised
5 School Improvement Plan or amendments thereto setting forth
6 the district's expectations for removing each school in the
7 district from the academic early warning or watch list and
8 for improving student performance in that school. A school
9 district that is on the academic early warning or watch list
10 shall submit a revised School Improvement Plan or amendments
11 thereto setting forth the district's expectations for
12 removing the district from the academic early warning or
13 watch list and for improving student performance in each
14 school. Districts operating under Article 34 of the School
15 Code may submit the School Improvement Plan required under
16 Section 34-2.4. If any district submits a School Improvement
17 Plan which exceeds 2 years in duration, the Plan shall
18 contain provisions for evaluation and determination as to the
19 improvement of student performance or school improvement
20 after no later than 2 years. The revised School Improvement
21 Plan or amendments thereto shall be developed in consultation
22 with the staff of the affected school.

23 The revised School Improvement Plan for a school that has
24 not met adequate yearly progress for 2 consecutive years and
25 is placed on the academic early warning list must be approved
26 by the school board (and the school's local school council in
27 a district operating under Article 34 of this Code). The
28 revised School Improvement Plan for a school that has not met
29 adequate yearly progress for 3 consecutive years and remains
30 on the academic early warning list must be approved by the
31 school board (and the school's local school council in a
32 district operating under Article 34 of this Code) and the
33 State Superintendent of Education or his or her designee. The
34 revised School Improvement Plan for a school district that

1 has not met adequate yearly progress for 2 or 3 consecutive
 2 years and is placed on the academic early warning list must
 3 be submitted for approval to the State Superintendent of
 4 Education or his or her designee. The revised School
 5 Improvement Plan for a school or school district that has not
 6 met adequate yearly progress for 4 consecutive years and has
 7 been placed on the academic watch list must be submitted for
 8 approval to the school board (and for a school in a district
 9 operating under Article 34 of this Code the school's local
 10 school council), the State Superintendent of Education or his
 11 or her designee, and the State Board of Education.

12 All revised School Improvement Plans shall be developed,
 13 submitted, and approved and--must-be-approved-by-the-local
 14 board-of-education-and-the-school's-local-school-council--for
 15 districts--operating--under--Article--34--of--the--School--Code.
 16 Revised--School--Improvement--Plans--must--be--submitted--for
 17 approval-to-the-State-Superintendent-of-Education pursuant to
 18 rules and regulations promulgated by the State Board of
 19 Education. The revised School Improvement Plan shall address
 20 specific, measurable outcomes for improving student
 21 performance so that such performance constitutes adequate
 22 yearly progress equals--or--exceeds--standards--set for the
 23 school or district as prescribed by the State Board of
 24 Education.

25 A school or district schools shall remain on the academic
 26 early warning or watch list for at least one full academic
 27 year. During each academic year for which a school or
 28 district is on the academic early warning or watch list it
 29 shall continue to be evaluated and assessed by the State
 30 Board of Education as to whether it is meeting outcomes
 31 identified in its revised School Improvement Plan.

32 The provisions of this Section are subject to the
 33 provisions of Section 2-3.25k.

34 (Source: P.A. 89-398, eff. 8-20-95; 89-698, eff. 1-14-97.)

1 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.25f) (from Ch. 122, par. 2-3.25f)
2 Sec. 2-3.25f. State interventions.

3 (a) School districts that fail to submit required School
4 Improvement Plans or fail to obtain approval of such plans
5 pursuant to rules adopted by the State Board of Education may
6 have State funds withheld until such plans are submitted.

7 School districts that fail to make reasonable efforts to
8 implement an approved School Improvement Plan may suffer loss
9 of State funds by school district, attendance center, or
10 program as the State Board of Education deems appropriate.

11 The provisions of this subsection (a) relating to
12 submission and approval of School Improvement Plans are
13 subject to the provisions of Section 2-3.25k.

14 (b) In addition, if after 2 years following its
15 placement on the academic watch list a district or school
16 remains on the academic watch list or if a school or school
17 district completes 2 consecutive years on the academic watch
18 list without making adequate yearly progress as specified by
19 the State Board of Education, the State Board of Education
20 shall take one of the following actions:

21 (1) The State Board of Education may authorize the
22 State Superintendent of Education to remove the district
23 superintendent, chief administrative officer, principal,
24 business official, or any other school administrator from
25 his or her position. This subdivision (1) applies to
26 those persons who sign contracts or have attained
27 contractual continued service on or after the effective
28 date of this amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly.

29 (2) 1- The State Board of Education may authorize
30 the State Superintendent of Education to direct the
31 regional superintendent of schools to remove school board
32 members pursuant to Section 3-14.28 of this Code. Prior
33 to such direction the State Board of Education shall
34 permit members of the local board of education to present

1 written and oral comments to the State Board of
 2 Education. The State Board of Education may direct the
 3 State Superintendent of Education to appoint an
 4 Independent Authority that shall exercise such powers and
 5 duties as may be necessary to operate a school or school
 6 district for purposes of improving pupil performance and
 7 school improvement. The State Superintendent of
 8 Education shall designate one member of the Independent
 9 Authority to serve as chairman. The Independent Authority
 10 shall serve for a period of time specified by the State
 11 Board of Education upon the recommendation of the State
 12 Superintendent of Education. ~~1-1-97~~

13 (3) 2- The State Board of Education (A) (a) may
 14 nonrecognize the school district or school, or (B) (b)
 15 may authorize the State Superintendent of Education to
 16 direct the reassignment of pupils and administrative
 17 staff. If a school district is nonrecognized in its
 18 entirety, it shall automatically be dissolved on July 1
 19 following that nonrecognition and its territory realigned
 20 with another school district or districts by the regional
 21 board of school trustees in accordance with the
 22 procedures set forth in Section 7-11 of the School Code.
 23 The effective date of the nonrecognition of a school
 24 shall be July 1 following the nonrecognition.

25 (Source: P.A. 89-398, eff. 8-20-95; 89-698, eff. 1-14-97.)

26 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
 27 becoming law."